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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A disposable absorbent article to be worn by a user comprising an absorbent body and a cover enclosing the same, which on a first side, facing the user in an in-use position, displays a fluid-pervious surface layer and on a second side, facing away from the user in an in-use position, displays a fluid-impervious surface layer, wherein the fluid-pervious surface layer comprises an impregnation comprising at least one hydrophilic organic solvent having a low vapour pressure at room temperature.

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